

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Miller (U.S. Patent No. 4,813,235). Claims 2-6 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 7-9 have been allowed. Applicant has amended claim 1 to overcome the rejection.

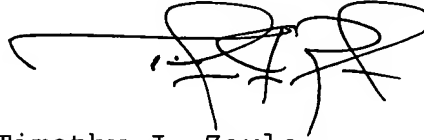
The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Miller. The Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2. Consequently, claim 2 has been cancelled. Accordingly, amended claim 1 is considered in allowable form. Additionally, claim 3 has been amended to depend on claim on claim 1 and therefore claims 3-6 are all dependent on claim 1 and for at least this reason are also considered in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 515/558-0200. All fees or extensions of time believed to be due in connection with this response are attached hereto; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

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Respectfully submitted,

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